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Stamas, Elsenheimer help secure retraining funds for displaced Georgia-Pacific workers

LANSING – Lawmakers have approved legislation that includes \$800,000 in funding to retrain displaced workers in northern Michigan, said State Sen. Tony Stamas, Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer.

The Kirtland Community College M-TEC Center will receive \$800,000 to retrain workers who were laid off when Georgia-Pacific closed its doors earlier this year – leaving 210 employees without work. The funds will help upgrade job skills for displaced workers.

“This is wonderful news for all the workers who were negatively impacted when Georgia-Pacific shut down,” said Stamas, R-Midland. “Representative Elsenheimer and I fought to have this funding included in the budget because of the devastating affect of the plant closure. I will keep working to do everything possible to help improve Michigan’s economy and make sure there are jobs for our workers.”

Stamas and Elsenheimer also recently announced an agreement providing additional state dollars for construction of an overpass at the Milbocker-McCoy and I-75 as well as an overpass at Wisconsin-Van Tyle and I-75.

Funding for the overpass projects was also included in Senate Bill 242.

“I am very pleased of these accomplishments for the Gaylord community” said Elsenheimer, R-Bellaire. “I’m glad legislation is moving forward so community growth and job creation is no longer impeded by obstacles.”

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